



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 176
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Educational Exchange Act of 2007

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
on June 24, 2008*

H.R. 176 would authorize a comprehensive program to improve primary and secondary education in nations in the Caribbean region and an educational exchange program with those same countries, and would authorize the appropriation of such sums as may be necessary over the 2008-2012 period for both programs.

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 176 will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2009 and that the estimated amounts will be appropriated each year beginning in fiscal year 2009. (H.R. 176 also would authorize the appropriation of such sums as may be necessary in 2008; however, those amounts are not included in this cost estimate because CBO assumes that no further appropriations will be provided in 2008 for such programs.)

The act would authorize the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to expand existing initiatives for teacher training and community involvement in school activities. Based on information from USAID, CBO estimates that implementing this provision would require funding of \$15 million a year, and would cost \$2 million in 2009 and \$47 million over the 2009-2013 period, assuming appropriation of the estimated amounts (see following table).

H.R. 176 also would authorize the Secretary of State to establish an exchange program for secondary and post-secondary students from the region to study in the United States. According to the Department of State, H.R. 176 would duplicate existing efforts to facilitate exchange programs with Caribbean countries; thus, CBO estimates that implementing that provision would have no significant effect on spending subject to appropriation. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2009-2013
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Estimated Authorization Level	15	15	15	15	0	60
Estimated Outlays	2	8	11	13	13	47

H.R. 176 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On July 20, 2007, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 176 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on June 26, 2007. The two versions of the legislation are similar, but CBO estimates that H.R. 176 as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations would have lower costs as a result of a later assumed enactment date.

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